

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Molotov's Manoeuvring

MR Molotov has promised to submit to today's meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers what he calls a "new-plan for European security." Whatever the nature of the proposal may turn out to be, its design can already be estimated: it is to achieve the abolition of the European Defence Community and simultaneously to undermine the effectiveness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Mr Molotov has made one thing very clear at the Berlin conference—that the elimination of American influence from Europe remains a prime subject of Russian foreign policy. On this basis, therefore, will Mr Molotov's proposals for "European security" be founded. And they will, of course, be just as unacceptable to the Western Powers as is the concept of the European Defence Community to Russia. The Soviet foreign minister has indulged in some interesting, though unprofitable manoeuvring at the Berlin talks. When Mr Eden at the outset suggested discussion of European security, especially where it affected Russia, Mr Molotov ignored the invitation, as though the matter were of no great importance. Now, after much futile debate on the unification of Germany, he introduces the subject in a manner which suggests that Russia regards it as a primary consideration. By such tactics he seeks to, and to a degree succeeds in, confusing the issues.

DISCERNIBLE also in Mr Molotov's latest move is Russia's determination to try and create the impression to the world that it is no fault of her's if the Berlin talks break down. By linking European security with the question of Germany at this stage, Mr Molotov succeeds in keeping alive discussion on the German problem, despite the fact that both sides have now said virtually all there is to say on the issue. Both sides have indulged in repetitive and unproductive arguments on German unity, and to most people it is a subject which could be easily dropped for the time being without prejudice to future discussions. Obviously, however, Mr Molotov cannot resist the opportunity for some propaganda—disgust—and that, in effect, is all that his "new proposals" for European security can amount to. The security of Europe very largely depends on the unification of Germany—a political development which can only be realised by the establishment of a freely-elected Government. That Mr Molotov refuses to concede this fundamental point is the only real stumbling block to a substantial measure of agreement on the German problem. And while he remains adamant in his objections to free elections, all his fine talk about recognising legitimate German aspirations, and his honeyed sentiments about upholding the dignity and rights of the German people, are completely meaningless.

Luang Prabang Prepares Its Defences

TRENCHES NOW BEING DUG IN THE CITY

Hanoi, Feb. 9.

Incense is burning day and night in front of the statues of Buddha in Luang Prabang, the royal capital of the kingdom of Laos, now directly threatened by Vietminh spearheads between ten and fifteen miles away from the ancient and picturesque city.

There is no panic in the capital, the capture of which will place a threat at the doors of Thailand, Burma and Malaya, and King Sisavong Vong, ailing though he is, has declared his intention to remain with his people in a last-ditch fight to save the city from the armies of General Vo Nguyen Giap, still believed to be several days away in their main strength.

Everywhere throughout the threatened capital notices are being posted to tell the population that the Franco-Laotian forces will defend Luang Prabang to the end.

Trenches are being feverishly dug in Luang Prabang and, outside the city, defence works are being erected by the defending forces with the aid of the population. The work is proceeding twenty-four hours of every day as Franco-Laotian units venture forth to gauge the nearness of the rebels to the capital.

The main body of the Vietminh army is still several days away from the capital, but the capture of Pakse, over 48 hours ago, brought rebel spearheads to a point about ten to fifteen miles away from the city itself. There they are expected to remain while the main body advances forward along the dense mountain trails to halt before the capital for a final assault.

Vietminh pressure appeared to be increasing tonight in all sectors of the fluid Indo-China front.

Twelve Vietminh battalions were operating in the mountain plateaux of central Vietnam and the fall of Kon Tum, held by a small Franco-Laotian force, appeared to be imminent.

In the Tonkin delta area, French Union forces were still engaged in mopping up operations against the Vietminh, which had infiltrated into the delta's rich rice-growing region several days ago.

Along the coast of Annam, over 20,000 people were freed from the Vietminh by the French operation "Atlante".

As the situation in Laos deteriorated, the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, who arrived this morning from Paris, accompanied by the French Armed Forces Chief of Staff, General Ely, went into a series of conferences in Saigon with top French military leaders.

Attending the vital talks were leading Vietnamese leaders and American high-ranking officers, directly concerned with the Vietminh advance through Laos that would throw open the way through Thailand and Burma into Malaya.

Among the personalities conferring with M. Pleven and the French military leaders were General Sir Charles F. Loewen, British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, who flew from Singapore, General John O'Daniel, newly appointed chief of a United States Military Mission in Indo-China, which replaces the present advisory group, and several others.

Reports that the United States would withdraw two infantry divisions from Korea for Indo-China were denied both here and in Washington.

In view of the grave danger caused by the spectacular Vietminh advance to Luang Prabang, the Defence Minister was given full powers by the French government to make on-the-spot decisions regarding the conduct of the war. He will stay two weeks in Indo-China before returning to Paris to report to the government.

France-Press.



Mr Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, shows Mr Anthony Eden of Great Britain to his seat at the Conference table in the Russian Embassy, where the Four Power Talks are taking place.—London Express.

Anglo-Japanese Agreement Motion Criticises Govt

London, Feb. 8.

The Labour Opposition in Parliament tonight presented a motion criticising the Conservative Government for not consulting industries in Britain before signing the new £400,000,000 Anglo-Japanese trade agreement.

The motion will be moved in the House of Commons on Wednesday by Mr Clement Attlee, the Labour Party leader, in a three-hour debate on the new agreement, signed in London last Friday.

The 294-member Labour Opposition passed the motion after an 80-minute meeting tonight.

It read: "That this House, while accepting the principle that colonial territories should not be forced to buy British goods when it is contrary to their interests, regrets the action of Her Majesty's Government in entering into a trade agreement with the Japanese Government without prior consultation with the industries concerned."

The motion also regretted that agreement was considered without the British Government securing assurances that "Japanese exports will not revert to previous unfair trade practices."

Within an hour of the Labour motion, Conservative members representing Lancashire put forward an amendment as follows:

"That this House acknowledges the sense of responsibility to the nation and to the colonies, which Her Majesty's Government has shown and its impartiality in taking this decision, while recognising that advantages accrue to the trade of the Empire, urges the Government that any further arrangements should provide such safeguards to the interests of the textile industry as experience of the coming year may show to be necessary."—Reuter.

EX-SERVICEMEN PROTEST

Oldham, Feb. 9.

Lancashire ex-servicemen's organisations decided here today to send letters of protest to Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, and local members of Parliament against the British Government's decision to invite Shigeru Yoshida, the Japanese Prime Minister, to Britain.

The protest will also object to the entry of Japanese goods into Britain as a result of the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement.

Trade Mission To Moscow Runs Into Snag

Moscow, Feb. 9.

One of the British businessmen now ending a two-week visit here said today that Soviet trade organisations wanted to buy at 1950 prices and British exporters were thus faced with a serious costs problem.

Another of the party said there were "nice inquiries", but added "there's no point in going bankrupt in the process."

Competition in tenders was mentioned as coming from Sweden, Finland, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The group have been studying Soviet inquiries for several million sterling worth of equipment, though few contracts have so far been concluded, and the Russians are described as "very hard bargaining."

Three of the original British group of 33 left last week and two yesterday. Nine are expected to leave on Wednesday.

Those who remain will stay for varying periods, some possibly for several weeks, in an attempt to conclude deals on the spot. Others will submit tenders and specifications when they return to Britain. Eleven are going on to Warsaw later.

Soviet trade experts initiated a series of enquiries for equipment, mainly in the electrical and engineering field, during almost daily discussions with the British businessmen.

Mr F. J. Fielding, Managing Director of Fielding and Platt, Limited, Gloucester, said today "the Russians are prepared to pay only the prices they paid for similar goods in 1949-1950."

"QUITE IMPOSSIBLE," the British Board of Trade price index for mechanical engineering, which was 100.4 in June 1949, was 147.6 in December 1953. One can therefore appreciate it is quite impossible to accept 1950 prices. Unless we can get prices down, I do not see how we can swallow our share of the substantial Russian market."

Mr Fielding said he had been asked to compete with low Finnish and Swedish bids. "I do not know how the Finns and Swedes do it," he said.

Mr R. W. Asquith, Chairman of William Asquith, Limited, machine tool manufacturers, whose inquiry from the Russians for machine tools totals over £500,000, said "the Russians are displaying a desire to do business, but are going to drive a hard bargain. There are nice inquiries, but there's no point in going bankrupt in the process."

Mr Asquith said his company faced competition from Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Mr T. L. Kendall, Director of Ruston and Hornsby, Limited, engine manufacturers of Lincoln, said he was returning to Britain on Wednesday with an inquiry which, when split among three firms, might total £2,500,000 for diesel engine generating sets and shunting locomotives.

Mr Kendall, who signed a small contract for spare parts while in Moscow, said he would tender for the big inquiry in a week. "There's every indication the Government will be forthcoming," he said.

Mr C. Robb and Mr H. A. Domett, representing the import-export company, Bland Brothers Limited, London, said they had heard from Mr Molotov that they had heard from Mr Molotov on the 15th of what they had heard on the 1st. Mr Molotov had insisted that the EDC be abolished, but M. Bidault had not heard that the Soviet Union intended to do away with certain arrangements it had made in the East.—Reuter.

THE BERLIN CONFERENCE

Mr Molotov Promises A "New Plan"

Berlin, Feb. 9.

Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, today rejected the West's final appeal for free all-German elections but promised a new plan for European security at Wednesday's Big Four session.

On that basis, the British, United States and French Foreign Ministers agreed to discuss the deadlocked German peace treaty once again on Wednesday.

Mr Molotov said he thought the Foreign Ministers' Deputies could begin work on preparing a peace treaty for Germany immediately after the Berlin conference ended.

At today's four-hour meeting, the Ministers agreed to hold a second secret session on Thursday to continue discussion of international tension and a five-power meeting with Communist China.

The first secret session on Monday was inconclusive. The French spokesman also said the Ministers decided to discuss the Austrian state treaty—last item on their three-point agenda—in open session on Friday.

Dr Leopold Figl, the Austrian Foreign Minister, and five of his officials arrived here earlier today by air from Vienna to attend the talks on Austria.

Mr Molotov spoke for 90 minutes of today's session, at which the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, presided.

Big Welcome For Royal Children

London, Feb. 9.

A crowd of more than 300 Londoners waited in cold grey fog at King's Cross station today and warmly welcomed home the Queen's children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, from their winter holiday at Sandringham.

With the youngsters were the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. Also in the car were the Royal Family's pets—two spaniels and a corgi.

The chubby five-year-old heir to the throne and his three-year-old curly-headed sister laughed and waved back to the patient crowd.

For the time being the children will live with the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret at Clarence House.

A draughty old Buckingham Palace with its drawn blinds and minus the Queen's standard is not very homelike for the children. Besides, it is nearly empty except for a few workmen redecorating and repairing.

Many of the servants have been living in their own homes instead of boarding at the Palace. For the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, both Counsellors of State in the absence of the Queen, the return to London means getting back to their jobs.

Next Tuesday the Queen Mother will hold the first of six investitures at Buckingham Palace. Princess Margaret's engagement book is full with public appearances, fairs and exhibitions.

As the winter wanes and spring and the "season" draw near, the work will become increasingly heavier.—Reuter.

Record Flight

Honolulu, Feb. 9.

The Tokyo-Honolulu jet-stream speed record was shattered again today when a Military Air Transport Service C-97 Stratocruiser flew the 3,900-mile distance non-stop in nine hours and nine minutes.

The MATS plane knocked nine minutes from the record set yesterday by a Pan American Stratocruiser. The new mark represents the fifth time in two weeks a new record has been established for the jet stream assisted flight.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Wrecked Comet Located

Rome, Feb. 10.

The wreckage of the British Comet stricken which crashed into the sea off Elba last month was located at a depth of 132 metres, about nine miles south-west of Cape Calmaris. It was reported last night.

The first sign of the location of the wreckage came when a fishing boat caught an unidentified object in its nets. Four British ships then joined in helping Italian fishing vessels which let down their nets and hauled up to the surface a suitcase and a box of medicine.

One of the British ships, the Wakefield, could see the shape of the wreckage on its television screen and identify it as the fuselage of the Comet.—United Press.

Scelba Has Tentative Govt Ready

Rome, Feb. 9.

The Italian Premier-designate, M. Mario Scelba, will submit a tentative list for an Italian cabinet to the President of the Republic, Signor Luigi Einaudi, tomorrow. It was learned here tonight.

It was understood that the portfolio of the Interior, a post which he had held under the several cabinets of the former Premier Alcide De Gasperi, the new cabinet is to be made up of the most part of members of the Christian Democratic Party, Signor Scelba's own party.

Signor Scelba's own party, the Christian Democrats, have 14 seats in the 476-member Italian Parliament. Other members of the cabinet will include two Liberals, two Republicans, and two Social Democrats.—France-Press.



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Failure In Berlin Talks Expected

Berlin, Feb. 9.
Western diplomats said today the official Communist Press have started to prepare for break-down of the Four Power conference by shifting the blame for failure squarely on the West.
As the Foreign Ministers entered the final and crucial stage of their discussions on Germany, the Soviet High Commission's organ, Taeglich Rundschau, warned bluntly the one and only way for a settlement was to accept Moscow's blueprint for unification.

High C To The Rescue

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 9.
Unmusical hold-up men found themselves out of their depths when they attacked singer Gaby Ramos and her escort, Eduardo Rojas, returning home here in the early hours.
Gaby intoned a high C which promptly brought a radio car to the rescue. She also took off one of her shoes and counter-attacked, wounding both assailants.
Eduardo, with no such defence to offer, was severely stabbed in the chest.—China Mail Special.

Hardman Given New Air Post In UK

London, Feb. 9.
Air Marshal Sir Donald Hardman, who has been Chief of Air Staff, Royal Australian Air Force, since January 1952, has been appointed to be Air member for Supply and Organisation with the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry announced tonight.
His appointment was included among several announced by both the Air Ministry and the War Office tonight affecting posts in Australia, Pakistan and the Far East.
Sir Donald Hardman will succeed Air Chief Marshal Sir John Whitworth who is to retire.
Sir John, before he took up his present post in 1952, had been Air Officer Commanding Malaya since 1947.
BORN IN HONGKONG
The War Office appointments named Brigadier D.D.C. Tulloch, of Headquarters Southern Command, in Britain, to be General Officer Commanding Singapore District. The appointment is from April this year.
Brigadier Tulloch was born in Hongkong in 1903.
Colonel T.P.D. Scott, Deputy Assistant General of General Headquarters, Middle East Land Forces, is to be training adviser to the Pakistan Army from June this year.—Reuter.

Weathermen In France "Out" Indefinitely

Paris, Feb. 9.
The Christian Union (C.F.T.C.) of the French National Weather Bureau today declared that it was joining the Socialist and Communist-led unions in the indefinite strike in communications issued from the union headquarters here this morning.
The reason given for the strike was the "uncertainty" that the union's wage claims would be met. Negotiations between the government and the unions are still continuing.
Meteorologists, demanding more pay, struck work for an indefinite period at airports throughout France today. International airlines maintained normal services by exchanging emergency meteorological reports from their home countries.
The 1,800 workers demanding pay increases receive 25,000 francs a month (about £25). Despite conflicting orders by the three trade unions which have called the strike, the rank and file strikers largely followed the Communist lead and walked out this morning.
Orly and Le Bourget, the capital's two airports, Marignane (Marseille), Lyons and Bordeaux reported an almost total stoppage. Strains and strikes began.

Mary Rescues Her Little Lambs



Little girl to the rescue is eight-year-old Mary Barton, seen as she brings in two young lambs, from the heavy snow on her father's farm in Kent, England. They were only born into this cold—cold world three days ago.—Express Photo.

In Moslem Uzbekistan

Communist Chiefs Frown On "Child Marriages"

Moscow, Feb. 9.
Communist chiefs in Uzbekistan are continuing a sharp drive against "child marriages" in the predominantly Moslem Republic of Soviet Central Asia.

"Literary Gazette," the newspaper of Soviet intellectuals, has upbraided school and party officials for negligence in failing to stop the marriage of a school-girl at Pskent, near Tashkent, the Uzbek capital.
The marriage, which the newspaper labels "crime," took place, it says, "under the eyes of many people, officials of Party, Soviet and public organisations."
The newspaper declared that child marriages kept girls away from school—and pointed to the graduation of only 21 Uzbek girls from three Tashkent technical institutes in the last 10 years as an example of how it plays havoc with the educational level.

"STRUGGLING FEBLY" "Literary Gazette" said that the Uzbek Education Ministry is "struggling feebly" against the "crime" of child marriages. "These are cases where girls who do not wish to be subjugated to humiliating customs are subjected to persecution by parents, husband and reactionary clergy," the newspaper declared.
Party and local officials "sometimes shut their eyes to these shameful cases."
The Uzbek Government recently ordered a campaign against "survivals of the past." Two senior education officials in Tashkent were dismissed for polygamy.—China Mail Special.

East Germany Expanding Police Force

London, Feb. 9.
East Germany is going rapidly ahead with mechanisation plans for her 80,000 strong "police" army and is making great efforts to improve recruiting, despite Soviet propaganda against German armament, official quarters said here today.
They were commenting on press reports from Berlin that new East German units were being formed, equipped with Russia's modern Stalin 1 and Stalin 2 heavy tanks.
Two reports added that the East German Communist regime had planned to triple its air force during the coming year.
The Foreign Office spokesman said today he could not confirm that further expansion was planned but added: "The East Germans may well have something like this in mind."—Reuter.

Released By Reds

Helsinki, Feb. 9.
Sixty-one Finnish subjects, who have served prison sentences in Russia or have been pardoned, were handed over to Finnish frontier guards at Vuolikkala today.
Most of them had left Finland illegally for the Soviet Union after the end of the last war.—Reuter.

British Office Boys—A Dying Race

In England today, the man who has to take over from the school-teacher—the employer—has made it clear that as far as he is concerned boys and girls are nothing like as clever as they were before the war.

Three out of every ten children leaving secondary modern schools in the south-east, says a survey published recently, are not fit to:

Work out a coal bill—because they cannot find the cost of a ton of coal at 5s. a cwt.; or Go to the post office for stamps—because they cannot say how many 2½d. stamps can be bought for half a crown.

The survey, compiled from the views of manufacturers in Greater London, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent, and published by the South-Eastern Regional Board for Industry, also says that:

Many 15-year-olds are quite unfit to begin a course of technical training; some are unable to spell five-letter words; and office juniors have an embarrassing lack of knowledge of geography and arithmetic.



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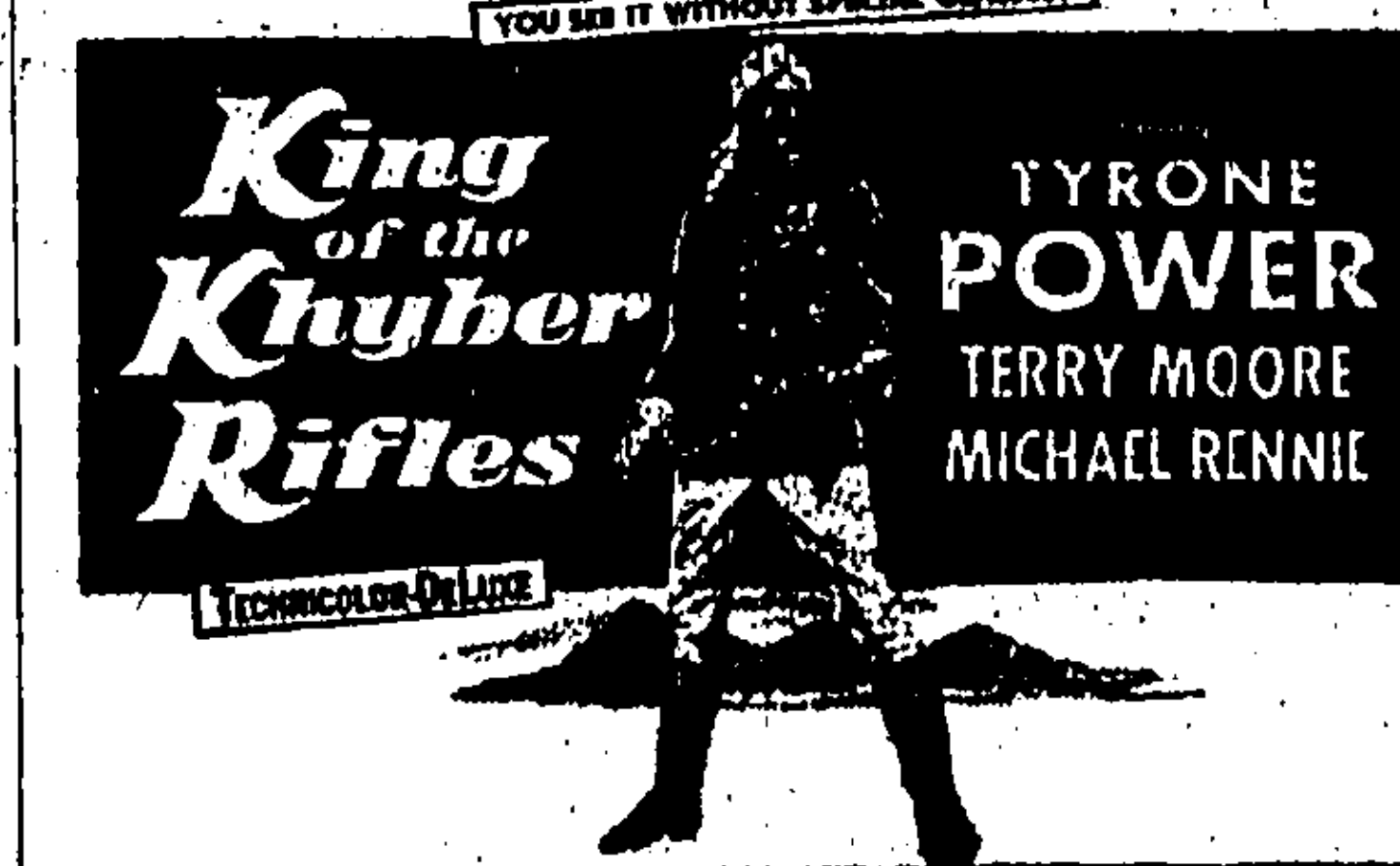
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play Did Little For South's Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH got no pleasure at all out of today's hand. He thought he could beat four hearts if his partner had allowed the double to stand, but he was wrong, and he found the wrong way to play his actual contract of four spades. Some days it's better to play in bed.

West opened the ace of hearts, forcing the dummy to ruff. South led a dummy's king of diamonds to East's ace and won the club return with the ace of clubs. He next led a diamond to dummy's queen and ruffed a third diamond with the eighth of spades.

West over-ruffed with the ten of spades, cashed the queen of clubs, and then slowly led a heart to make dummy ruff once more. If West had led a third club, South would ruff, take the two top trumps, and then win the rest of the tricks with dummy's last trump and the established diamonds.

This play prevented South from establishing the dummy. South got to his hand, but he had lost a heart and a heart in dummy, and tried

NORTH		EAST (D)	
♠ 842	7	♥ KJ84	
♥ None		♦ A10	
♦ KQ742	1083	♣ KJ752	
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WEST		EAST (D)	
♠ Q105	7	♥ KJ84	
♥ AQ753	83	♦ A10	
♦ 83		♣ KJ752	
♣ Q94			

SOUTH		NORTH	
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to return by ruffing a diamond with the jack of spades. West over-ruffed with the queen, however, defeating the contract.

Where did South go wrong? How could he have played the hand? See if you can pick the best line of play before you read on.

South made his mistake when he ruffed the third round of diamonds with the eighth of spades. He should have discarded his losing club. The defenders then have two tricks, but will win only one more. East wins the jack of diamonds, and West discards a club, hoping to set an over-trump in that suit.

East now returns a trump and South wins with the king. South ruffs a second heart in dummy, ruffs a club in his hand, ruffs a third heart with dummy's last trump, and then leads a good diamond to dummy's last king. West has to ruff, and South makes the rest.

It doesn't help East to return a club instead of a trump, for South can ruff in his hand, ruff a heart in dummy, and get back to his hand with a trump. No defence can prevent South from bringing this position about.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Diamonds Pass

You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-3, Hearts K-3, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs K-J-9-2. What do you do?

A—Did three no-trumps. You have 13 points in high cards, plus 1 point for the king of your partner's bid suit. You surely want to get to game, and your bid not only gets you to a reasonable game contract, but also shows your strength, your distribution, and your stoppers in the table suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-3, Hearts K-3, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs A-J. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HER LINE?

BECKIE BARRARD

Re-arrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

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White to play; mate in three.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

BORN today, you must learn to depend upon yourself. You are not a child, and you must learn to develop this side of your nature much more.

You are of the fair sex and are highly domesticated and take great pleasure in your own home and family. You are fond of children, and will want a large family of your own. Denied this, you will be one of the very devoted "aunts". You would probably do well in teaching, personnel work or be efficient as a vocational counsellor to young people.

The stars have given you a natural talent in music and the

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't promise more than you can deliver. Conservative action at this time is much the best policy.

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CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Worry never solves anything, but attention to problems and hard work can usually settle them easily.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are in a quarrel at home or at the office, be the first to act as peace-maker.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—When expert advice is offered, don't scoff at it, but take it in good spirit. It may even follow a day or two later.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you need help, be sure that you can in an expert. This is no time for amateurs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Make long range plans and look well into the future. You don't need present even follow a day or two later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—If you have lost track of what is going on in the world, make up for lost time now. Get informed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—In making business arrangements, be sure to consult experts in the field and don't act on impulse.

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WOMANSENSE

A NEW PHRASE TO NOTE... IN THE SPRINGTIME MOOD

FASHION FANFARE

The SLING waist

Raff... reporting from Rome

THE WAISTLINE—that's the fashion line that matters most for the up-to-the-minute woman today. Paris says so; Rome says so. And from the fashion shows held by Rome's top designers comes a name for a new waistline—the SLING WAIST.

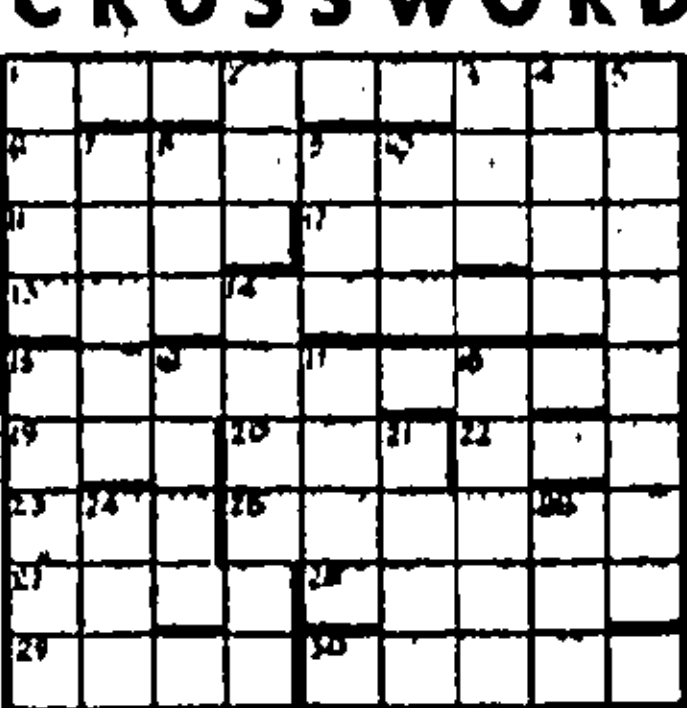
Stylish the picture from Rome on the right. That sums up the new Sling Waist. It's a restricted waist—boned or stiffened. But (most important) the new line does not go all the way round; it stops on the sides, below the arms. This day dress has a detachable collar of contrasting colour. The skirt is narrow.

What else does Rome decree? Well, HATS are smaller—but widened at the places by flowers or feathers. FAVOURED CLOTHES are all smooth-surfaced—fine flat Donegals, small houndstooth checks, and even hand-painted woolen coat materials.

COLOURS? In Rome, as in Paris, they are all the colours of spring.

AND NOW for the DETAILS

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Do you ring them at the night?
2. The man who did with a down.
3. More instead.
4. Tiger's colour.
5. He plays homophony for the post.
6. The start of a new world.
7. A long, long time.
8. There will be a lot on view at the Royal Academy this week.
9. Drones an appropriate instrument.
10. Good health.
11. This bird soon gets its break.
12. One used in battle.
13. Gosh or doesn't with reason.

Down

1. Purchase tax sends this up.
2. A bookie will oblige you in this.
3. Out before this makes man on the run.
4. A quick one.
5. Tony Hard makes a song of lamentation.
6. A long, long time.
7. A long, long time.
8. A long, long time.
9. A long, long time.
10. A long, long time.
11. A long, long time.
12. A long, long time.
13. A long, long time.

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

Across
1. BEEHIVE
2. DOWN
3. MORE
4. TIGER
5. POST
6. NEW
7. LONG
8. VIEW
9. DRONE
10. HEALTH
11. BREAK
12. BATTLE
13. GOSH

Down
1. TAX
2. BOOKIE
3. RUN
4. QUICK
5. SONG
6. LAMENTATION
7. LONG
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London Express Service

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EUROPEAN CHAMPION



Eighteen-year-old Fraulein Gundi Busch of Germany is congratulated by her mother after winning the European Women's Figure Skating Championship, at Bolzano, Italy. Miss Erica Batchelor, 20, of Edinburgh, and 14-year-old Yvonne Sugden, of England, finished second and third respectively.—Express Photo.

Spotlighting The Three-Year-Olds Of 1954

CORDOVA II MAY BE THE BEST FROM FRANCE

By JAMES PARK

So far as can be judged at present, the three-year-old fillies are nothing out of the ordinary. Such being the case, we have to consider the French challenge.

There was a time when Cordova II was rated the best two-year-old in France, irrespective of sex. She would certainly have won the Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot, but for the heavy going.

On returning to France she gave a sparkling performance which caused me to think she would win the Cheveley Park Stakes. She was an odds-on favourite that day but, after looking over the paddock, I wished I could change my selection.

She was up in the air and all legs and wings. She had grown too quickly and lacked the necessary furnishing. On reaching the top of the stand I met Paddy Prendergast.

NO LIFE

I told him his filly, Sixpence, looked magnificent, and that if she stayed six furlongs she would beat Cordova II. As I anticipated, there was no life in Cordova II. She was left in the lurch as soon as they started to race in earnest.

Whether Cordova II will stage a comeback remains to be seen. I would not care to say it is beyond her, for there is no doubt that she was the best of the Bousne two-year-olds in the summer.

Cordova II is in the 1,000 Guineas, Oaks and St. Leger, while Albanilla is in the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks, with Altana only in the Oaks. The latter pair were trained by Glynn, while Cordova II was under the care of Semblat. They will be trained by Charlie Elliott in future.

I shall be interested to see the official estimate of Albanilla and Altana. They have ability above the ordinary and there is probably not a lot between them.

On a line through Leths Fly, I should say Altana is not so far behind Infatuation on a weight-for-sex basis. I fancy that at one time Albanilla was rated the

better, but that is not borne out by a strict reading of the form book.

Cordova II is by Diebel, Albanilla by Pharis, and Altana by Arbur. It will be surprising if a worthy candidate for classic honours does not emerge from this trio. They are worth bearing in mind.

There is little doubt that La Jollette was the best filly sired by Alycidon in his first season. She is a charming individual and was impressed by the manner in which she won at Newbury in the autumn.

La Jollette was steadiest in the early stages and, though well drawn, failed to get a clear run near the stands rails.

That left the jockey no alternative but to go to the left of a wall of horses. Once she was fairly into her stride, La Jollette raced into the lead to win in her own time.

I am sure the filly is much better than the form would suggest. She is in the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks.

On the maternal side La Jollette comes from the famous Trustful family, which has rendered such good service to the Sledmere Stud. The dam, Justina, was bought by the late Peter Beatty, who left her to Mr. Jeremy Tree, who bred La Jollette.

Justina is by Fairway, out of Jury, by Hurry On, out of Trustful. The deeds of the family are too well known to need repetition. There should be no doubt about La Jollette staying a mile and a half, and she may have a bright career.—London Express Service.

Zatopek Believes His Mantle May Fall On Gordon Pirie

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 9.

Emil Zatopek, dean of world distance runners, believes his mantle may fall on Gordon Pirie of Britain when the time comes for the great Czech runner to hang up his spikes.

Zatopek, holder of practically every distance record above 5,000 metres and current Olympic Marathon champion, selected Pirie in a review of the up-and-coming track talent on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Swedish Tennis Stars To Play Here

Confirmation has been received from the Swedish Davis Cup Players, L. Bergelin and S. Stockenberg, that they agree to play exhibition matches in Hongkong on February 15 and 16.

Bergelin has a very impressive record and has recently beaten Selkass, Ampon, Deyro, Mottram, Arkingstall and Worthington.

Stockenberg on his tour of India has beaten Arkingstall, Krishnan, Bergelin, and Ahmed, and while in Europe he won matches over Nielsen, Davidson, Palsch, Skovceky and Del Bello. Tentatively, the following exhibition matches have been arranged for the visitors at the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground: Monday, February 15.

3.30 p.m. S. Stockenberg (Sweden) v K. C. Dao (Hongkong).

4.45 p.m. L. Bergelin (Sweden) v K. H. Ip (Hongkong).

Tuesday, February 16

3.30 p.m. S. Stockenberg v K. H. Ip.

4.15 p.m. L. Bergelin v Stockenberg.

4.45 p.m. Stockenberg and Bergelin v K. H. Ip and Edwin Tsai.

In case of rain, the matches will be held each evening on February 15 and 16 in the covered court of Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre, Corner of Shantung and Nelson Streets Kowloon, commencing at 8 p.m.

New South Wales Beat W. Australia In Shield Match

Sydney, Feb. 9.

New South Wales beat Western Australia in their Sheffield Shield game today by six wickets.

Rain delayed the start by 70 minutes and the game was summed in spite of a slight drizzle, which did not affect the wicket and which stopped during the lunch interval.

Final scores read: New South Wales 297 for nine declared (R. Benaud 112, K. Miller 70, Gorrage four for 65) and 108 for four (R. Benaud 59).

Western Australia 283 (Pat McCarthy 90, J. Rutherford 55) and 181 (E. Carmody 48, M. Foley 43, Simpson five for 37).

Western Australia's outstanding bowler added 82 runs in 88 minutes to raise their second innings score to 181, leaving New South Wales to score 168 for victory.

A tall order's stand was responsible for the fall total after six wickets had fallen for 99 yesterday and it was featured by a solid 43 by M. Foley, a right-hander who was making his Shield debut.

Pat McCarthy, who failed by only two runs to score a first innings century, again showed his eye was in when, despite a leg injury, he hit a second 50. Eighteen-year-old Bobby Simpson was the chief trouble to Western Australia with his leg splinters and he finished with figures of five for 37 in 9.7 overs, although in club games this season he has taken only two wickets for 177 runs.

Richie Benaud, the Test all-rounder, was the chief architect of the New South Wales victory for he followed his first innings of 112 with 59 and had bowling figures during the match of seven for 163.—Reuter.

Pirie Doesn't Want To Go To Vancouver

London, Feb. 9.

Gordon Pirie, British Six Miles Champion, stated today that he would not run in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, Canada, this summer.

He said travelling makes him tired and the distance to Canada is too great.

Pirie hopes to meet, and beat, Emil Zatopek, the Czechoslovak triple Olympic Champion, in the European Championships in Berne, Switzerland, in August.—China Mail Special.

TWO TYPES

Zatopek observed that there are two kinds of 5,000 Metres runners: the "super-resistant" like himself and France's Milmoun, and the "rapid-resistant" such as Pirie and Kuts.

"As I see it, these last are the ones who have the best chance to surpass Haeg's record," Zatopek said. "I lack the speed to break his mark."

Zatopek noted that Russia's Anufriyev was only 6/10 of a second from Haeg's mark last year with a clocking of 13:58.8 for 5,000 Metres, and that Kovacs (14:01.2) and Kuts (14:02.2) had made "extraordinary performances" for their first year of big-time competition. Pirie "with no opponents to push him" ran 5,000 Metres in 14:02.0, the Czech runner observed.—United Press.

England Faced With Follow-on In Second Test

Bridgetown, Feb. 9.

England were faced with the follow-on at the close of play today in the second Test match against the West Indies, having then scored only 181 for the loss of nine wickets in reply to the West Indies first innings total of 383. Thus only Lock and Statham, the not out batsmen, have to make 52 runs to avert a follow-on.

England, who were 53 for two overnight, lost seven wickets today for only 28 runs against the varied attack of the West Indies spearheaded by Sonny Ramadhin, Alex Valentine and Atkinson.

Only Len Hutton, the England captain, played the bowling with any confidence. He made 72 before falling to Valentine at 107.

THE SCOREBOARD

West Indies, 1st innings, 383.	
England, 1st innings	
L. Hutton, c. Ramadhin b. Valentine	72
W. Watson, st. McWatt b. Ramadhin	0
P. May, c. King b. Ramadhin	0
D. Compton, c. King b. Valentine	15
T. Graveney, c. b. Ramadhin	16
Palmer, c. Walcott b. Ramadhin	22
T. Bailey, c. McWatt b. Atkinson	28
Evans, b. Gomez	10
J. Laker, c. Gomez b. Atkinson	1
A. Lock, not out	5
Statham, not out	5
Extras	4
Total (for nine wickets) 181.	

Wickets fell at 35, 45, 70, 107, 119, 158, 170, 176, 177.—Reuter.

Ceylon's Best Athletes Prepare For Asian Games

Colombo, Feb. 9.

Several of Ceylon's top class athletes have been in regular training for the past few weeks for the Manila Asian Games.

At the University grounds in Colombo there has been a surprisingly good turn-out of athletes.

Although the athletes are keen and the coaches are keen, there has been a drawback in that the facilities provided for training are not all that is desired.

The coaches have been very regular at the training centre. Captain Duncan White, Masara, Guy Thiedeman, Kananathan, C. L. H. Paulus and A. Swaris have been in regular attendance. There are at least two honorary coaches in attendance daily.

Sumana Navaratnam, who will be getting married soon, has found spare time to turn up very regularly for training. The panel of coaches say that he has been the most consistent.

Two old-timers are making a comeback. They are John de Saram and Oscar Wijesinghe. De Saram holds the 200 Metres record while Wijesinghe has the fastest 100 Metres time to his credit.

J. P. Blake, who secured a second place in the 800 Metres at the Ceylon A.A.A. Championships, J. A. de Silva, who won the 100 Metres in 11.1 seconds at the Inter-University Championships, M. Belasubramaniam, most promising school sprinter, Paul M. Modder, 110 Metres High Hurdles record holder, June de Kretser, outstanding woman athlete in Ceylon, Aubrey Koch, Catherine Funsaka and Kate Fathima are a few of the many who turn out regularly at the University grounds.

Ceylon's crack middle distance runner, J. R. de Silva, and W. G. L. Perera, who sprang quite a surprise at the A.A.A. meet by winning the 400 metres in 5.07 seconds, are also in serious training on other grounds.

But a coach says that the response is still poor and attributes it to the ill-equipped training centre.—United Press.

MANCHESTER UNITED v. BOLTON WANDERERS



Wood, Manchester United goalkeeper, saves after a corner kick, stealing the ball from the head of an attacking Bolton Wanderer. Bolton won the match 5-1.—Express Photo.

ERASE THIS CUT EYE BLOT ON BOXING

Says DENNIS HART

When will something be done to rid boxing of its greatest curse—the cut eye? At the Albert Hall last month it claimed two more victims, Alex Buxton and Joe Lucy—both British Champions.

Lightweight Lucy was robbed of an overwhelming points' decision. Midway through the eighth round he was so far ahead of Johnny Butterworth that he had only to stay on his feet to win. An unlucky blow, a gash over the eye, and it was all over at the end of the round.

Buxton's injuries did not have such an obvious effect. His fight went the distance, and he lost on points to Dutchman Wim Snook. But the British Cruiserweight Champion has never fought so badly. His cut eyes may not fully explain his poor showing. But they certainly didn't help him.

Even more important than the effect on his fights, however, is that both fighters have been put out of action for three months. Buxton has had to cancel trips to Germany and New Zealand.

The cut eye is a comparative newcomer to the fight game. It is the result of evolution. In the early days bare-knuckle gladiators slammed away at each other for 30, 40, and sometimes a 100 rounds.

Contests lasted so long because pugilists relied solely on brute force. Punches lost much of their sting through being delivered incorrectly and aimed at less vital parts of the body. SCIENTIFIC BOXING.

Came the scientific approach and penetrating blows replaced many of the ponderous swings; the solar plexus and bolo punches were introduced along with other innovations designed to inflict maximum punishment with minimum effort. Fights were cut to 15 rounds at most.

Even then, many boxers weren't satisfied. They wanted a shorter cut still.

So was born the idea of attacking the tenderest spot of all—the eye. A couple of blows can open up a cut, which, if it

does not stop the fight, can leave a boxer half blinded by blood, a sitting target for the pay-off punch.

How sordid. These earlier developments were well within the Queensberry rules. Indeed, making skill the dominant feature, they raised the whole tone of boxing.

Not so this latest ruse. It is not only unfair but reduces boxing to savagery—like jungle cats trying to tear out each other's eyes. Especially as in addition to fists, heads have been brought into use with sudden upward butts in clinches.

Boxing is having a difficult enough job to survive. It is the practice, grows, it is the knockout blow. Cuts do arise of course, from the natural hazards of the game. But, even they should not be allowed to bring victory.

Why not introduce a rule whereby, if a boxer does have to retire through such an injury, and he is ahead on points at the time, he is given the verdict?

To prevent possible abuse—such as a fighter building up a points' lead and getting the bout stopped by cutting his opponent's eye—the fight could be declared a draw if the injured man be behind.

BETTER NEWS

Better news on the boxing front last month came from Nottingham, where Bobby Dawson outpointed Yolande Pompey. Don't get me wrong. I'm not leading an American crusade against the Empire. Pompey, in fact, is one of the nicest fellows

I know. Boxers, bankers and bishops included.

But, leaving personalities aside, Dawson's win was good for the sport as a whole. It was gained by a man who has not been rushed to the top. One who has had to fight all the way, and fight often.

Would-be champions, and their managers, can learn much from the American's success. The lesson is that it's better to move up the ladder step by step, marking time on some of them if necessary.

Some managers already work on this principle. Too many, unfortunately, try to take shortcuts. And that brings us back to cut eyes again.

(London Express Service)

Darts League Results And Standings

In Section I of the San Miguel Brewery Darts League REBE Command W/S won their away game against RE's Whitefield Bks in convincing style.

P. O. Mess Tamar received a shock in their match with the R.A.F. Kai Tak. They were losing the first three games but then managed a draw.

The loss of this point has set them back a little in their close fight with REBE Command W/S for leadership of the section.

Owing to unforeseen commitments 15th Field Park Sqdn have resigned from the league.

The following are the results of matches and league tables of both the first and second sections of the Darts League:

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THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



POINT 15 IS DIFFERENT

Because it is the first point in the series of points that are different from the others. It is the first point in the series of points that are different from the others.

Pirie? No, The Toast Is Johnny Walton

Says HAROLD MAYES

Everybody in athletics is painting a rosy picture. They might even be painting it with paint Gordon Pirie, the British wonder-man of the track, is hoping to sell. Far better, in my view, if they did a little sign-writing and let everyone see, in bold letters, the word "hypocrisy."

I don't object to professional athletes in any sport—and that includes athletics. But I do object to professional athletes under any other guise, and that is exactly what I regard the Pirie venture to be. "Puff—puff" Gordon was wanted in the States, where a number of universities are said to have offered him athletic scholarships. But the people who run athletics—I hesitate to say control it, because that would be stretching a point a little too far—said that his amateur status would be in danger if he accepted.

So Pirie has a job as a paint salesman, with a reported salary of £760 a year, plus commission, plus the use of a car and he is quoted as saying: "No longer shall I have to rush home from work and train in the dark. If I want to I shall

be able to train in daylight, and that is a very great help to somebody like me who has to train for long periods every day."

Frankly, I hope he'll be able to train as long as he likes every day, for that's the only way our athletes can match the commercial performers of other countries.

WORTHY OF HIRE

But please don't, from this day forward, let me hear any of our athletics officials complaining bitterly that we can't hope to compete with the rest of the world because their athletes are supported from various outside sources while ours are "pure amateurs."

Don't get me wrong. I believe that every sportsman, whatever his field of activity, is worthy of his hire. If he pulls in the

crowds—for even amateur athletics doesn't turn away turn-of-mind takings—neither he nor his family, if any, should suffer financially because it takes him time to get fit to do his sporting job.

It's not so long since I had a vigorous argument with one athletics chief on the point. "What," I asked him, "would be the first question the majority of your athletes would ask me if I were to phone them and ask them to run at a particular meeting?"

"What's the fare?" was his reply.

HOW MUCH?

"Cut it a word," I told him, "and you'll be nearer the mark. The first question I'll gamble they'd ask, without any shadow of doubt, is 'How much?'"

Make no mistake, that's happened to me. As I say, I don't object. But don't let anyone blind your eyes to the fact that it goes on, however much the bluish-whites would like to kid you otherwise.

That's why I commend to you today the attitude of Bury footballer, England amateur Johnny Walton. He's signing pro, so that the professional club he has served so well can collect a nice fat fee simply by transferring him.

Johnny, my boy—I'd like to pat that fair curly head of yours. There's no hypocrisy with you. Fresh air is pretty plentiful in these islands at the moment, but for all that your attitude brings us another nice, refreshing breath of it.

"A STITCH IN TIME"

London, Feb. 9.

The decision to call in Football League club managers for advice on how to improve English soccer generally, and international teams in particular, has been warmly received here.

The football-going public, sports writers and the managers themselves have in general praised the move, which many regard as the "stitch in time" to prevent the flag of English football prestige becoming littered beyond repair.

At the invitation of the Football Association's senior and intermediate international committees, the managers will confer in London on March 22.

Naturally, they will have no delegated powers, but it is anticipated that from their exchange of opinions on matters of mutual, day-to-day concern, ideas will emerge to signpost an effective and practical policy.

Some observers are already sounding a note of caution. They point out that if all the 92 League clubs are represented, the conference is going to be somewhat top-heavy. If too many are bent on urging pet schemes with little heed to their common application, not much good will be served.

WHEAT FROM CHAFF

It is to be hoped that from now until March managers will grasp every opportunity of exchanging views and sorting wheat from chaff, so that only the essentials remain for the conference agenda.

Such has been the concern over recent international displays that the views of top-flight managers are already widely known.

Thus, a clash on a basic issue is to be foreseen. For while some blame England's poor results on lack of pre-match preparation and training, others, including Mr. Stanley Cullis, Wolverhampton Wanderers manager and former England centre-half, argue that most contemporary England players have appeared together long enough to be versed in each other's styles. They also ask: "Is long preparation practicable under such an over-laden League system?"

As an offshoot of this argument, a redistribution of the League may well be suggested. A number of managers, among them Mr. Matt Busby, Manchester United manager and former Scottish international, believe a less hectic programme would make clubs more football and less points-conscious.

Small clubs, acutely aware of the downward trend in gates since the immediate post-war years, see in it a further reduction in revenue.

Such are the problems of English soccer. If the managers, the men most closely concerned, see a way through and their advice is acted upon, the picture may quickly brighten. —Chin Mail Special.

South Africans Win Fifth Test By Five Wickets

Port Elizabeth, Feb. 9.

South Africa defeated New Zealand by five wickets in the fifth cricket Test here today, and won the series by four matches to nil, with one drawn.

New Zealand, all out for 222 in their second innings, left South Africa to get 212 runs in 225 minutes for victory. They scored 215 for five. South Africa's win was their biggest in a Test series against any country. The previous best margin was by four matches to one against England, in South Africa in 1905-06.

A brilliant fourth wicket partnership of 107 in 70 minutes by Endean and John Watkins enabled South Africa to hit off the runs in three hours and five minutes.

The issue was still in doubt when they came together. Endean attacked throughout and hit 14 fours in a stay of 94

THE SCORES

New Zealand, 1st innings, 226
New Zealand, 2nd innings, 222
F. Mooney, c. Van Ryneveld, 9
M. Chappele, l.b.w. b. Murray, 8
M. Poore, c. Waite, b. Van Ryneveld, 18
b. Sulcliffe, c. & b. Van Ryneveld, 52
J. Reid, run out, 73
H. Beck, b. Tayfield, 12
E. Dempster, stumped Waite, b. Van Ryneveld, 1
A. MacGibbon, c. Adecock, 14
L. Miller, c. Waite, b. Adecock, 2
L. Blair, stumped Waite, b. Van Ryneveld, 8
W. Bell, not out, 21
Extras, 4

Total, 222
Full wickets: 1/13, 2/17, 3/73, 4/122, 5/161, 6/160, 7/161, 8/189, 9/193.

Bowling:

Adecock, O M R W
Watkins, 10 1 45 2
Murray, 17 7 34 1
Tayfield, 17 5 51 1
Van Ryneveld, 20 0 67 4
South Africa, 1st innings, 237
S. C. Lewis, run out, 38
R. Westcott, b. MacGibbon, 11
K. Funston, c. Mooney, b. MacGibbon, 0
W. Endean, c. & b. Bell, 87
J. Watkins, b. Reid, 45
C. Van Ryneveld, not out, 19
J. Cheetham, not out, 11
Extras, 11

Total (for five wickets) 215

Bowling:

Blair, O M R W
MacGibbon, 10 0 44 2
Reid, 15 2 69 1
Dempster, 5 0 27 0
Bell, 9 3 0 54 1
Mooney, 1 1 0 0 0
Fall of wickets: 1/44, 2/40, 3/81, 4/188, 5/198.—Reuter.

Wicketkeeper's World Record For Test Series

Port Elizabeth, Feb. 9.

John Waite, South African wicketkeeper, set a world record with 23 dismissals in the Test series against New Zealand which ended here today.

Waite took 16 catches and made seven stumpings in the five Test matches. The previous best was 21 dismissals in a rubber held jointly by Gil Langley (Australia) and England's H. Strudwick.—China Mail Special.

TOMMY ATKINS' Army Sports Parade

It took me some time to decide who should have the honour this week of topping the Tommy Atkins' Sports Parade. Finally it rested between two teams and an individual, and when all points were considered I decided to give pride of place to "Taft" Stevens, the Army soccer star. Last Thursday Stevens came down from Fanling with the intention of sitting comfortably in the stand at the Club Stadium and watching the Hongkong Selection in action against Kooze Bokklub.

Longland, Stevens' colleague in the Army team, was declared unfit by the Army doctor and the Hongkong FA officials were faced with the task of filling his place in the side. After considering several possible changes in the line-up the officials took a bold step and decided to invite Stevens, who had not been in the original nominations, to play.

When approached by the Army officials Stevens sportingly agreed to turn out, and to make a pleasant story complete he finished up his outstanding player of the week. All sections of the local press were loud in their praise of his play, but his success brought special satisfaction to his Army colleagues who have long appreciated his worth as a half back.

Stevens sails from the Colony on 21st of the month and his departure will leave a big hole in local soccer affairs.

One of the best games of Rugby seen here in a long time took place at Boundary Street last Saturday, and not only did the powerful 1st Regiment XV win the Inter-Unit Rugby Championship, but they also won the right to represent Hongkong against the Champions of Malaya at Singapore in a few weeks' time.

The game provided the spectators with plenty of exciting play and 72 LAA Regt. RA are to be congratulated on their great fight and in keeping the final result in doubt right to the last moment of the game.

The "Old Comrades Challenge Cup" joins other famous trophies on the Dorsets' sideboard as the result of their fine win over the Club soccer eleven at the Stadium on Saturday. This was really a grand performance for the club, fielded the full 1st Division side and Sgt. Scott and his green-shirted teammates are to be congratulated on taking the cup back to San Wal with them.

The Dorsets were most appreciative of the hospitality which was extended to them after the match and I am sure they are hoping to arrange a return game before the end of the season.

INTERESTING STAGE
The Land Forces Golfing Championships has now reached a most interesting stage and only one game remains to be played before the last of the quarter-finals is known.

The competition is now so intense that the popular pastime of spotting the eventual winner is a most difficult one indeed. When I asked for an "inside" tip I was told that while anything could happen quite a number of folks felt that the golfer who beats Colonel Furnival will prove to be the Champion.

The Army cricket teams now look to be well on their way to winning both the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the local League. The teams are doing very consistently well throughout the season and have managed to win when the wickets have been soft or hard. The 'A' side has been particularly well served by its bowlers while the batting section of the 'B' team has put up some really excellent scores this season.

The RAMC soccer team did well to win their 2nd Division game against REME at Happy Valley at the week-end. They had two early casualties due to injury and played most of the game with nine men. Only a tenacious defence enabled them to hang on to their 2-1 lead until the final whistle.

CURIOSITY ABUSED
The "Red Duster" Boxing Tournament at China Fleet Club last week has resulted in several interesting questions being asked about the Welsh Regt. boxers.

Some of the fighters did so well that many folks are wondering why so little has been heard about the Welshmen in some of the Land Forces Championships.

Particularly impressive was the magnificent display given by Pte. Chivers when he was pitted against the captain of the HMB Birmingham boxing team, Ldg. Ssg. Townsend.

Townsend is a widely experienced fighter and has fought many top class men, but as long as he remains active in the ring he will seldom have a harder fight than was given him by the blonds Chivers.

The crowd's appreciation of this fight surpassed anything we have heard here for a long time. If we had heard the broadcast commentary, you probably got some idea of the tremendous excitement that was taking place. The extremely brilliant last round, we must say, was a masterpiece.

KEN SMITH Show Talking MAUREEN O'HARA SAYS IT'S TOUGH BEING BEAUTIFUL

London.

Maureen O'Hara, star who thinks it a drawback to be beautiful, leaned back in bed in her hotel suite, rolled up above her elbows the sleeves of a pair of men's blue pyjamas, and said: "Hope you don't mind interviewing me this way, Ken, but I've got a cold and I'm taking a day off."

I said truthfully, I didn't mind in the least, and tried not to notice how beautiful she looked, even without make-up—and with a cold.

Her red hair framed a pale face and lips to which only the barest touch of lipstick had been added.

I asked "the Queen of Technicolor," who is in England to film *Malaga* with Macdonald Carey, why she thinks it a drawback to be beautiful.

"Producers look at a pretty face and think: 'She must have got this far on her looks'—then along comes a girl with a plain face and they think 'she must be a great actress,' she isn't pretty," so they give her the glamour treatment, and the pretty girl gets left behind."

Crises have frequently pointed out that her many appearances as the heroine of elaborate Technicolor spectacles in which she has been praised as "deceptive" and "ornamental" have limited her acting opportunities.

Said Maureen: "I agree. I would like good dramatic roles, but they seem hard to come by these days, except for the Bette Davises and the Joan Crawfords; and, after all, a girl must live."

Born Maureen Fitzsimmons at Milltown, near Dublin on August 17, 1921, she is one of a family of six (three sisters and two brothers).

All, except the eldest, have appeared on films or stage. The eldest girl is in a convent, and she could have become a concert singer if she had not preferred to take the veil.

In early life Maureen started to emulate her mother, a member of the Abbey Players and a singer of some note, by starting in the backyard of her home, in plays she made up for the children of the neighbourhood.

She earned her first money as a professional on the radio at 12, and by the time she was 14 had received many awards in dramatic contests, as well as being enrolled in the Abbey Theatre school.

By the time she was 17 she had "graduated from spear carrying to small roles" in the famous Abbey Theatre.

A year later she was given the unusual offer of a leading role with the company, but at the same time received from an English film company a letter inviting her to London for a screen test.

It might have stopped her film career short, for the picture was never completed, but fortunately Charles Laughton and Erich Pommer saw a bright cut from her scene and chose her for the female lead in *Jamaica Inn*, which led to the leading female role in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, again opposite Laughton.

THEY PRAISED HER
She won praise for her performance in John Ford's Academy award winner *How Green Was My Valley*, and then in turn portrayed Bette Davis' wife, a Spanish noblewoman, a staid college dean, an Eastern princess, and a swordswoman. In all she has appeared in more than 20 films.

The hazel-eyed Maureen, who stands 5ft. 7½in. and weighs 9 stone, has been twice married, both marriages ending in divorce.

In 1946 she became an American citizen.

VETERAN OF 21
"Hello, there!" said the voice on the telephone. "Remember me, Peggy Ann Garner? Why not come over for a drink?"

I went over, wondering what sort of a woman Peggy Ann Garner had turned to be. I remembered her violent, exciting rise to stardom as the challenger and final victor over doll-like Shirley Temple.

At 6 she went to Hollywood. At 7 she made her first film, *Little Miss Thoroughbred*. At 12 she was a star with her name in lights in *Jane Eyre*.

Carruthers Back In Training
Sydney, Feb. 10.
The World Bantamweight Champion, Jimmy Carruthers, will leave for Japan on February 23, his trainer, Bill McConnell, said last night.

McConnell, who will accompany Carruthers, said he wanted him to have one month's training in the Japanese climate before the first fight in Tokyo on March 20.

Carruthers would have a non-title fight in Osaka on April 19, before the world title fight against the Orient Champion, Chamen Sodokiri, in Bangkok on April 3, McConnell said.

Carruthers, who is married and has two children, will fight today—Reuter.



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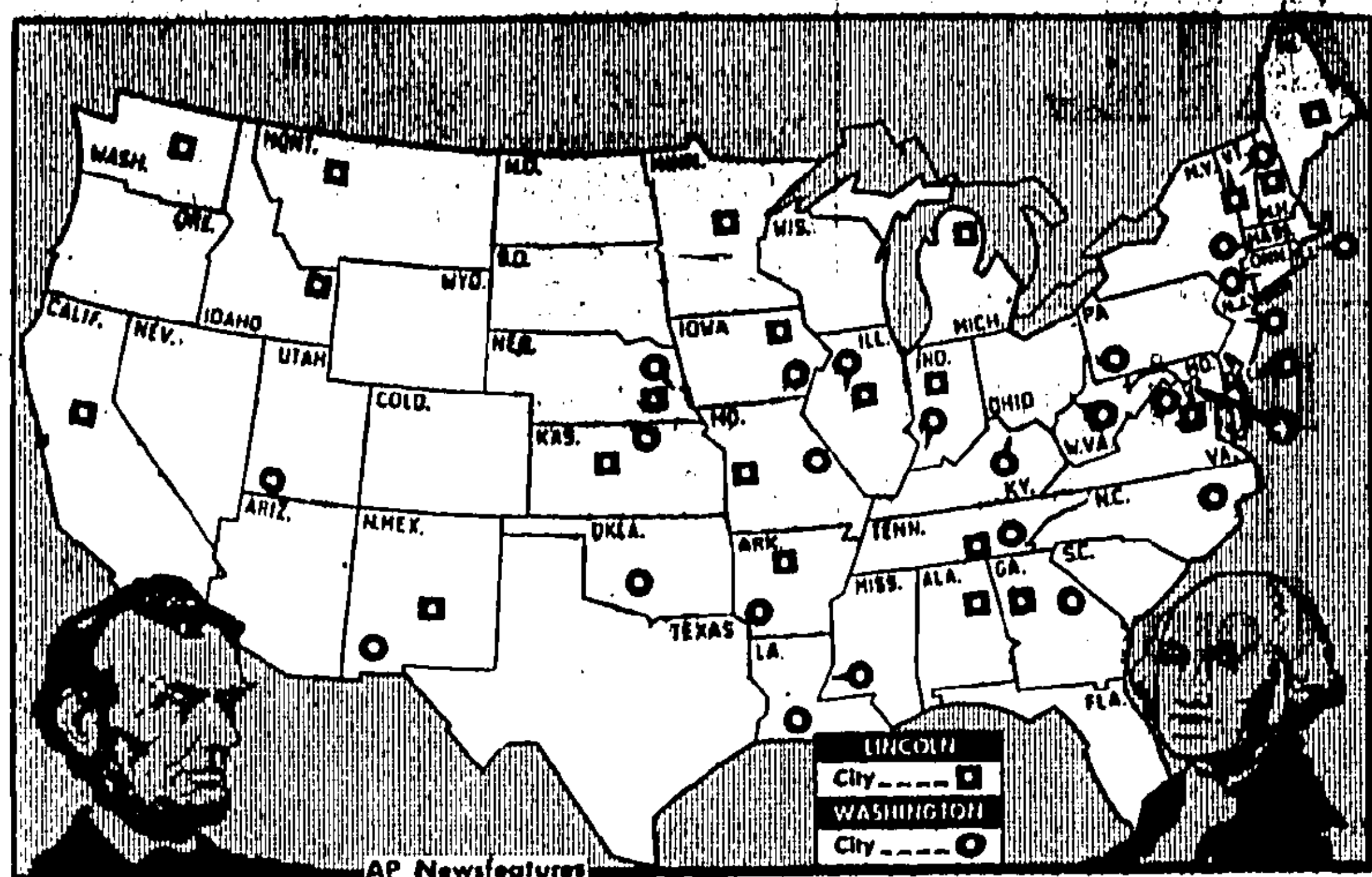
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46 American Cities Are Named After Lincoln & Washington

By WARREN BENNETT, AP Newsfeatures Writer

This is the month of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, who are often ranked first and second on lists of great Americans.

One young schoolboy, asked what this meant to him, replied: "Two days off in what already is the year's shortest month." But citizens of today, even juvenile ones, owe far more to their memory than this.

Actually, Washington and Lincoln are not relegated to the dead past. Americans, more than any other people, perpetuate their heroes and great public figures by pinning their names on cities, towns, villages, bridges, tunnels, lakes, rivers, colleges, libraries and other private and public buildings. Washington's portrait is on the one dollar bill and Lincoln's on the five spot.

Because of this national characteristic, the names of Washington and Lincoln are alive today—a growing part of the greatest nation in the world to which they contributed so much.

Washington, D. C., is the nation's capital. It is also the name of a great Pacific coastal state, 31 counties, and 24 cities, towns and villages. No less than nine colleges and universities proudly bear the name Washington in their titles. So do countless high schools and elementary schools, libraries, parks, bridges, mountains, capes, islands.

The total would soar to almost astronomical proportions if it were possible to tabulate all the avenues, streets, boulevards, highways, drives, roads, terraces and thoroughways named for the Father of His Country. There was even a ditty dedicated years ago to a baseball club: "Washington, first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League."

Lincoln was born 77 years after Washington when much more of the country had been settled, built up and named. He saved the Union in a bitter civil war that divided the

country and quite naturally was considered much more of a hero in the North than in the South. Despite these time and geographical handicaps, 22 of the 48 states have cities, towns and hamlets named in his honor. Counties in 24 states are named for the Great Emancipator. Three universities and one junior college bear his name.

Coffee And Cars
Cities named for these two great leaders are shown on the accompanying map. But no map, no matter how detailed, could show all the ways they have left their impress on the country. Many people, unaware of the connotation, drink a certain brand of coffee or drive a sleek, expensive car bearing the name of these presidents.

Though widely separated in time and circumstance, Washington and Lincoln had many characteristics in common. Both were physical giants, tall, strong, athletic. Both liked to wrestle. Both were surveyors in their youth.

But Washington and Lincoln came from opposite ends of the social sphere. Washington was rich, Lincoln desperately poor. The father of his country came from a distinguished line: his great, great grandfather was a rector of Purleigh, England, and a proctor of Oxford University. Lincoln's father was uneducated.

Washington achieved fame as a soldier before he became president and a statesman. It was Lincoln's statesmanship that elevated him to the presidency. In the long bitter war that followed, historians and military experts now say Lincoln demonstrated the soundness of his concepts of military strategy. The claim has even been made that, with the exception of Ulysses S. Grant, Lincoln was the best general the North had.

Other things the accompanying map doesn't show are all the place names associated with Washington and Lincoln.

Antarctica And Fiji

There are, for instance, Washingtonville in Ohio, Pa., and N. Y.; Washington Capes in Antarctica, Greenland and the Fiji Islands; a Washington Gulf in Korea; Washington Islands in Wisconsin and in the Pacific Ocean.

There is a Port Washington, N. Y.; Washington Court House, Ohio; Washingtonboro, Pa.; Washington Crossing, Md.; Washington's Birthplace, Va., and Washington Terrace, Utah.

There are Lincoln Junctions in Michigan and New Zealand; Lincoln Parks in Chicago, San Francisco, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; a Lincoln Sea in Greenland and Lindberghs in North Carolina and Georgia.

Also Lincoln Acres, Calif.; Lincoln Beach, Ore.; Lincoln Center, Mo.; Lincolnville, N. Y.; Lincolnville, Ky.; Lincolnville, N. D.; Lincolnville, Kan.; May and a Lincolnville Center, Mo.

Analysis of Lloyd's latest figures:

Foreign Shipyards Less Active

RATE OF NEW TONNAGE FALLING

London, Feb. 9.

Analysis of Lloyd's Register of Shipbuilding Returns for the fourth quarter of 1953, recently issued here, shows that tonnage completed and launched by British shipyards changed only slightly in 1953, compared with the previous year, while the total of vessels commenced increased slightly, probably due to better steel supplies.

Tonnage launched and completed by foreign yards in 1953 shows a substantial increase compared with 1952, but the rate of increase of tonnage commenced is much less and indicates that the foreign yards have passed the peak of activity and that their order books are shrinking also.

UK yards completed a quarter of the world tonnage compared with 30 per cent in 1952 and over 50 per cent in the immediate post-war period, before there had been any revival of shipbuilding in foreign yards.

The relevant figures in 1,000's of gross tons are:—

BRITAIN	12 months ended		% of World total	1952
	Dec. 1953	Dec. 1952		
Commenced	1,279	1,188	25%	25%
Launched	1,317	1,301	26%	30%
Completed	1,250	1,264	25%	30%
Under construction at December 31	2,174	2,146	35%	35%
OTHER COUNTRIES				
Commenced	3,831	3,645	75%	75%
Launched	3,759	3,090	74%	70%
Completed	3,687	2,947	75%	70%
Under construction at December 31	4,121	3,972	65%	65%

The total of orders booked by UK yards in 1953 was 160 ships of 520,000 gt compared with new orders in 1952 of 244 ships of 1,200,000 gt and in 1951 of 709 ships of 1,150,000 gt. Total order book figures for the dates stated are as follows:—

	1952	1953	1954
UK Order Book at June	1,135	925	850
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In 1953 over 250,000 gt of orders placed in earlier years with British yards were cancelled compared with total cancellations of 108 ships of over 500,000 gt in the whole nine years' period since 1945.

New York Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 9. Cotton market activity today showed a marked slow-down.

Traders thought the volume probably would be the lightest for any session in a month. Prices fluctuated within a narrow range, developing a steeper tone toward the close after easing 45 cents a bale in the opening transactions.

Closing on a rally, the list finished net 8 to 13 points higher and up as much as 10 points from the early lows. New Orleans closed up 7 to 14 points.

Trading volumes in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open	Interest
March	22,800	100	200
April	22,800	100	200
May	17,300	840,700	200
June	5,800	578,200	200
July	5,800	578,200	200
Aug.	5,800	100,000	200
Sept.	1,300	49,600	200
Oct.	1,300	49,600	200
Nov.	1,300	49,600	200
Dec.	1,300	49,600	200
Total	114,100	2,553,200	2,000

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES

Chicago, Feb. 9.

Prices per bushel in cents: Closing Prices

Wheat, No. 2, red	214 1/2
Spot	214 1/2
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SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL
NEW
"SHORKEL"
PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK
Jeremy's
New Start

TWICE, in the late evening, the policeman had moved Jeremy on, finding him each time, propping up West End doorway, half asleep.

In the early hours of the morning, the policeman came up. Jeremy once again. This time, he was curled up in a doorway, really asleep.

"Come on now," said the policeman, shaking the sleeping man by the shoulder of his patched and frayed sport-jacket. "You can't sleep here, you'll have to go to—"

And he named a hostel a long walk away.

"I'm going to no lodging house," Jeremy said. "You'd better arrest me. I'll give me a chance to get things straightened out."

THE ARREST

THE policeman did arrest him, and at Bow Street next morning, Jeremy, a dark-haired, balding, mournful man, pleaded guilty to wandering abroad and lodging in the open air.

"He said when I arrested him, that he hadn't eaten for 36 hours," said the policeman, Sir Laurence Dunne, the Chief Magistrate.

"Is he known?" Sir Laurence inquired of the gaoler.

"Known for crime, not for this type of offence," the gaoler answered.

"What's happened?" Sir Laurence asked Jeremy, in a friendly voice.

"I came out of prison six days ago," Jeremy said. "I meant to go straight, get a job, right away. I went to a hostel place in Aldgate, and put all my cards on the table to them, telling them I'd just come out, and asked if they could help me get a job."

A LONG WALK

"THEY said they'd try, but after me hanging around a couple days, they told me there weren't no vacancies anywhere. By then, all my money was gone. And I wanted to go straight, see?" he added with fervour.

"How much money did they give you when you came out of prison?"

"Seven-and-six," Jeremy said. "I signed on at the Labour Exchange, but there wasn't no jobs for me there. Then, day before yesterday, I heard there was the chance of a night's work in Hammersmith. So I walked there from Aldgate, and hung around all night. Thought I might get fixed with a bit of money to sort of set myself up, see? I waited till seven in the morning, but there wasn't no job, so I walked back."

"What was the sentence you had been serving?" Sir Laurence asked.

15 MONTHS

"FIFTEEN months," Jeremy said and drew a deep sigh. Sir Laurence called forward Mr Badger, the probation officer, who said he had known Jeremy eight years before after a charge of begging.

"Well, he seems pretty sorry for himself now, will you see what you can do for him?" Sir Laurence asked the probation officer.

Mr Badger nodded. Sir Laurence turned to Jeremy. "You're finding, aren't you, as people often do, that the real punishment starts when you finish a prison sentence?" he suggested. Jeremy glumly agreed.

"Well, don't sleep rough," Sir Laurence counselled him. "Go and have a talk now with Mr Badger. He'll help you to find work and somewhere to stay. I shall discharge you conditionally."

HOPE AGAIN

FOR a moment, Jeremy tried to speak. But he could not. He had to let his eyes perform the office of his voice. They, and his whole expression, told his gratitude with eloquence enough.

He marched out towards the future, a man-whom those few minutes in the dock had quite transformed, a man in whom hope sparked again.

"What's Her Line?" Solution
BARBECUE RIDER
London Express Service

Alleged
False
Pretences
8 Lakhs Involved

Sums totalling \$817,502.74 were involved in five charges of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy to defraud that were preferred against Chan Tak-shing, alias Chan Wing-kai, 36, unemployed, a native of Formosa, when his trial opened before Judge J. Reynolds in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The alleged fraud concerned the shipment of 5,000 cases that were supposed to contain 401,400 lbs of first grade Formosan green tea ("Chun Mee") despatched by various ships to Casablanca, North Africa. It was alleged by the Prosecution that these cases in fact contained 192,000 lbs of inferior grade tea.

Accused, who pleaded not guilty to all counts, was represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Hastings and Co. The Prosecution was conducted by Mr Simon F.S. Li, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. Clough and H.C. Hul, of the Commercial Crimes Office.

THE FIVE CHARGES

The five charges of obtaining money by false pretences were (1) that, on or about August 21, 1952, with intent to defraud, obtained \$125,544.38 for the New China Associated Tea Corporation from the Bank of Indo-China by falsely pretending that 630 cases consigned by the Corporation to Casablanca per the s.s. Radnorshire contained 60,400 lbs of "Chun Mee" green tea, whereas in fact the cases contained approximately 25,000 lbs of inferior grade tea; (2) that, on or about August 22, 1952, obtained \$48,022.88 from the Bank of Indo-China by pretending that 1,403 cases consigned for Casablanca per the s.s. Shillong contained 108,000 lbs of "Chun Mee" tea, whereas they in fact contained approximately 34,000 lbs of inferior grade tea; (3) that, on or about August 23, 1952, obtained \$48,022.88 from the Bank of Indo-China by pretending that 325 cases consigned for Casablanca per the s.s. Mekong contained 26,000 lbs of "Chun Mee" green tea, whereas they in fact contained approximately 12,000 lbs of inferior grade tea; (4) that, on or about August 25, 1952, obtained \$230,057.32 from the Bank of Indo-China by pretending that 1,455 cases consigned to Casablanca per the s.s. Glenysle contained 110,400 lbs of "Chun Mee" green tea, whereas they in fact contained approximately 40,000 lbs of inferior grade tea; and (5) that, on or about August 28, 1952, obtained \$107,595.10 from the Bank of Indo-China by pretending that 1,290 cases consigned to Casablanca per the s.s. Hallians contained 100,000 lbs of "Chun Mee" green tea, whereas they in fact contained approximately 40,000 lbs of inferior grade tea.

The charge of conspiracy to cheat and defraud alleged that the accused, on divers dates between July 25 and September 11, 1952, together with Lam Ming-shun, alias Lam Ching-sau, alias Kwong-tau Lam and other persons not in custody, conspired together to defraud such persons as could be induced to part with money by false representations that they were able to supply first grade Formosan green tea to such persons.

81 WITNESSES

In his opening, Mr Li said that the list of witnesses was a rather formidable one as the Crown intended calling 81 persons to testify against the accused. The principal witness, Mr Elias Saka, was not at present in the Colony, being in Casablanca, but he was expected to arrive at midnight.

It was alleged by the Prosecution, Mr Li continued, that the accused was involved with certain persons, one of whom was Lee Ming-shun (named in the sixth charge), who were concerned in the management of a firm which changed its name from time to time—certainly once at least—and was finally changed to the name of New China Associated Tea Corporation, situated at Room 409, China Emporium building, the real centre of the activities in the scheme was at the accused's Godown in Des Voeux Road West.

On or about May, 1952, the New China Associated Tea Corporation hired complete floor of Number 409, and accused himself signed as guarantor the contract for the letting of the Godown. The firm opened an account with the Bank of Indo-China in June or July, 1952.

Money was drawn from time to time during the period from July to September, 1952, was paid into this account and would be drawn on evidence that all, if not most, of the charges were drawn on account and signed by the accused.

The general system of the scheme, said Li, was that the group of persons retained orders from Casablanca from time to time to supply

A LINK WITH PAST HISTORY



Russia Buys
SA Beef

Capetown, Feb. 10. South Africa is to sell about 7,000 frozen beef carcasses to Russia. It was disclosed by business circles yesterday.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr S. P. le Roux replying to a question, said a contract had just been concluded by a private firm for the delivery of frozen meat carried over from last year in Walvis Bay, Southwest Africa, cold stores.

As there was now a surplus, the minister authorised the Meat Board to export old stocks to make room for fresh supplies.—France-Press.

DYING MAN
ACCUSES
HIS WIFE

San Francisco, Feb. 9. A wealthy importer dying of cancer told a Superior Court Judge from his hospital bed today that he wanted a divorce from his wife before he died because she taunted him about her "multiple love affairs."

Albert N. Ades became violently ill several times while giving the deposition to Judge D. L. Harris as his wife Gertrude stood by his bed with her lawyers.

Physicians at the hospital said Ades was "going downhill" and no one could tell how long he would last.

The couple married in May 1949 and two years later Mrs Ades filed for separate maintenance, asking for all community property, which she valued at \$500,000.

Ades said that on their wedding day his wife made him sign a trust fund for \$25,000 making her the beneficiary. Later, he said, he sent her to Honolulu because she said she was not feeling well, but she spent every day on the cruise making love to the ship's steward.

Ades said his wife first answered "so what" when he accused her of accepting \$50 from another man. Later, he said, "she got a gun and told she wanted to kill me. I wrestled the gun away and then she ran and got a knife and said, 'You see, I'll kill you and cut you to pieces so you'll never be good'."

He said he ran.—United Press.

Kenya
Situation
More Serious

London, Feb. 9. A delegation of British Members of Parliament, who have just returned from a tour of Kenya, believe that the situation in the colony is more serious than it was six months ago and that further energetic action should be taken, it was learned tonight from reliable sources.

The delegation, made up of three Conservatives and three Labour MPs, were believed to have recommended by a report to the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lytton, closer co-operation between the police and army in Kenya and a general reform in the system of command against the Mau Mau terrorists.

Reliable sources said this could be in the form of the creation of a post similar to that occupied in Malaya by General Templer with full powers over police, army and general policy.—France-Press.

Mail
Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Japan, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Japan, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

By Air

India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Burma, Malaya, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, Borneo, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 1 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Central & South America, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.
First grade Formosan green tea. The bank would produce documents to show that letters of credit had been opened in favour of the New China Associated Tea Corporation demanding first grade Formosan green tea. Evidence would be given that shipments to Casablanca were of inferior grade tea. The normal light wooden boxes weighing five lbs. The accused was one of the persons who ordered the tea to be delivered to the accused's Godown and evidence would be given by one of the cooler employees in the Godown to the accused that he saw accused present at the time he was doing this. The police, acting on instructions, executed search warrant at the home of the accused on July 23 last, and found two documents in Chinese and English, one of which was the accused's own handwriting. The accused was taken to the Commercial Crimes Office the same day and made a long statement under caution to Insp. Clough. The hearing is continuing.

Train Arrives

London, Feb. 10. The first through passenger train from Moscow arrived in Peking yesterday on schedule, the New China News Agency reported today.

A crowd of 1,000 cheered as the train pulled into Chienmen railway station at 200 hours, local.

The Communist agency said leading officials of the Ministry of Railways were among those present to greet the train's Soviet crew.

Among the 140 passengers, it noted, were Soviet experts who had come to help in China's reconstruction, Rumanian technicians, Chinese students who had studied abroad and 50 Korean students on their way home.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Lucky Dip; Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.30, Weather Report; 7.00, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10, The Book of the Week; 7.30, Joe Stork Report; 7.45, The work done for the relief of the five victims of the earthquake in Lisbon, Portugal, by the Red Cross (London Relay); 8.00, The Book of the Week; 8.10, The Book of the Week; 8.20, The Book of the Week; 8.30, The Book of the Week; 8.40, The Book of the Week; 8.50, The Book of the Week; 9.00, The Book of the Week; 9.10, The Book of the Week; 9.20, The Book of the Week; 9.30, The Book of the Week; 9.40, The Book of the Week; 9.50, The Book of the Week; 10.00, The Book of the Week; 10.10, The Book of the Week; 10.20, The Book of the Week; 10.30, The Book of the Week; 10.40, The Book of the Week; 10.50, The Book of the Week; 11.00, The Book of the Week; 11.10, The Book of the Week; 11.20, The Book of the Week; 11.30, The Book of the Week; 11.40, The Book of the Week; 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